

in normal or reverse position, contacts cannot be opened by manually applying force at the closed switch point. Point detector circuit controller shall be maintained so that the contacts will not assume the position corresponding to switch point closure if the switch point is prevented by an obstruction, from closing to within one-fourth inch where latch-out device is not used, and to within three-eighths inch where latch-out device is used.

**§ 236.335 Dogs, stops and trunnions of mechanical locking.**

Driving pieces, dogs, stops and trunnions shall be rigidly secured to locking bars. Swing dogs shall have full and free movement. Top plates shall be maintained securely in place.

**§ 236.336 Locking bed.**

The various parts of the locking bed, locking bed supports, and tappet stop rail shall be rigidly secured in place and aligned to permit free operation of locking.

**§ 236.337 Locking faces of mechanical locking; fit.**

Locking faces shall fit squarely against each other with a minimum engagement when locked of at least one-half the designed locking face.

**§ 236.338 Mechanical locking required in accordance with locking sheet and dog chart.**

Mechanical locking shall be in accordance with locking sheet and dog chart currently in effect.

**§ 236.339 Mechanical locking, maintenance requirements.**

Locking and connections shall be maintained so that, when a lever or latch is mechanically locked the following will be prevented:

(a) *Mechanical machine*—(1) *Latch-operated locking*. Raising lever latch block so that bottom thereof is within three-eighths inch of top of quadrant.

(2) *Lever-operated locking*. Moving lever latch block more than three-eighths inch on top of quadrant.

(b) *Electromechanical machine*—(1) *Lever moving in horizontal plant*. Moving lever more than five-sixteenths inch when in normal position or more than

nine-sixteenths inch when in reverse position.

(2) *Lever moving in arc*. Moving lever more than 5 degrees.

(c) *Power machine*—(1) *Latch-operated locking*. Raising lever latch block to that bottom thereof is within seven thirty-seconds inch of top of quadrant.

(2) *Lever moving in horizontal plane*. Moving lever more than five-sixteenths inch when in normal position or more than nine-sixteenths inch when in reverse position.

(3) *Lever moving in arc*. Moving lever more than 5 degrees.

**§ 236.340 Electromechanical interlocking machine; locking between electrical and mechanical levers.**

In electro-mechanical interlocking machine, locking between electric and mechanical levers shall be maintained so that mechanical lever cannot be operated except when released by electric lever.

**§ 236.341 Latch shoes, rocker links, and quadrants.**

Latch shoes, rocker links, and quadrants of Saxby and farmer machines shall be maintained so that locking will not release if a downward force not exceeding a man's weight is exerted on the rocker while the lever is in the mid-stroke position.

**§ 236.342 Switch circuit controller.**

Switch circuit controller connected at the point to switch, derail, or movable-point frog, shall be maintained so that its contacts will not be in position corresponding to switch point closure when switch point is open one-fourth inch or more.

INSPECTION AND TESTS

**§ 236.376 Mechanical locking.**

Mechanical locking in interlocking machine shall be tested when new locking is installed; and thereafter when change in locking is made, or locking becomes disarranged, or tested at least once every two years, whichever shall occur first.

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